## **REMARKS**

The present Office Action presents a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicating the Preliminary Amendment filed December 29, 2003 is considered noncompliant because new claims cannot be added in the Remarks.

In response, this Amendment cancels claims 1-26 and re-presents new claims 27-35 prior to the Remarks.

In light of the above Amendments, claims 27-35 are now all believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed required with this response. Should a fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge underpayment of any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 06-1325.

Respectfully submitted,

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